

History Graduate Programme Newsletter

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Does This Newsletter Look Different?

If your answer to that question is yes, it is because the editorial responsibilities have recently been relinquished by Prof. Robert Tittler. Bob has reluctantly given up this task because it ended up consuming more of his time than he could have imagined possible when he started it up two years ago. It took so much time because he conscientiously made it an important source of information for both faculty and graduate students who often find it difficult to know all that is going on in the department. We are all grateful for his efforts.

I was chosen to fill Bob's shoes, not because I possessed any particular talents for the job, but rather because I was standing in the wrong place at the wrong time (I assume that many of you can identify with this situation). Be that as it may, I will try to follow the previous editor's lead by putting out a newsletter that will provide information about issues of interest to faculty and graduate students. Anyone with items for inclusion in subsequent editions should send them on to me at Loyola

Ron Rudin

Deadlines Approach

Fall means different things to different people. Some of us become preoccupied with the coming of the World Series, but many graduate students quite sensibly see the fall as the season to apply for fellowships, most notably those offered by SSHRC and FCAR. Information regarding the various deadlines relevant to fellowships is being sent out to graduate students in a separate bulletin prepared by the graduate programme secretary, Linda McDonald. If for some reason, you have received this newsletter without that bulletin, get in touch with Linda at 848-2414. Anyone planning to write the French language exam should also get in touch with Linda to set a date during the week of 24 October.

Study Space

Is there really any place to study at Concordia, particularly as we descend into the most difficult stages of the Loyola library saga? If you are looking for a place to work, here are a couple of suggestions that might help. Some time ago a memo crossed my desk regarding the availability of study carrels in the Norris Library, room N-508. The carrels are available on a non-reserved basis, but books may be checked out on semester loan for deposit on shelves in N-508. To apply for this privilege or for further (and clearer) information, consult the circulation desk in the Norris Library. In addition, remember that some study space is available in the history department offices on each campus. Consult with the secretaries for further details.

The Ties that Bind

Upon completing research essays, theses and dissertations, graduate students may need to find someone who can bind copies of their work that are not looked after by the university. Ken Corrigan of the mail services department apparently does good work at a reasonable price. He charges about \$9.00 Canadian (\$7.25 US) for old fashioned, library quality, professional binding. He can be reached at 848-3490 and can be found in Hall Building, 115. My thanks to Frank Chalk for this information. If it proves to be inaccurate, yell at him.

MA Classics Field

The new MA field in classical history is on the books for the first time this year. We welcome Prof. Lionel Sanders, associate professor of classics, who has agreed to join our own Prof. Franziska Shlosser in making this field available. Prof. Sanders' office is in Hingston Hall on the Loyola Campus.

Congratulations

A number of our graduate students will no longer have to pay fees to the university. Jean-Paul Coupal successfully defended his doctoral dissertation, "Les Pestifiérés: l'historiographie bainvillienne entre la connaissance et la conscience historique française au XXe siècle," on 9 September. Congratulations go out to both Jean-Paul and his supervisor Prof. Geoff Adams. In addition, Richard Duchesne and Peter Solonysznyj have completed their MA research essays.

Congratulations of a different sort go out to two of our students for activities beyond the walls of Concordia. Jean-Paul Coupal will be presenting a paper entitled "Histoire universelle: des dimensions universelles de la conscience historique" to a congress of world history specialists at the University of Victoria in December. One of our MA students, Rachel Alkallay is the co-author of Voices of Canadian Jews, recently published by the Chestnut Press of Montreal.

Faculty Activities

Not to be outdone by the graduate students, a number of the faculty have informed me of recent publications. Prof. Graham Carr has published two articles: "Dated Lives: English Canadian Literary Biography," Essay in Canadian Writing, 35 (Winter, 1987), and "Design as Content: Foreign Influences and the Identity of English-Canadian Intellectual Magazines, 1919-1939," American Review of Canadian Studies, 18 (Summer 1988). Prof. John Laffey is the author of, "L'Ipero Coloniale Francese," La Storia, 6 (1988). Lionel Sanders has recently published a book, Dionysius I of Syracuse and the Greek Tradition as well as articles in the journals Hermes and Historia. Ron Rudin announces the birth of the French translation of an earlier work. Banking en français: Les banques canadiennes-françaises, 1835-1925 has been published by Boréal.

On other fronts, Robert Tittler gave talks during the summer to the Southern History Society (UK) in Dorset and St Paul's School for Girls in London. Prof. Fred Krantz has recently been appointed as the university's representative to the Canadian Federation for the Humanities.

Coming Events

Roger Smith of the College of William and Mary will be visiting Concordia in mid-October. On 18 October, he will be giving a public lecture, "Denial of Genocide", at 20:30 in H-937. On 20 October, he will be giving a seminar, "Women and Genocide: Notes on an Unwritten History". The exact time and place of the seminar have not yet been set. Ask Frank Chalk for further details.

Prof. Patricia Dirks of Brock University will visit Concordia on October 24 and 25. She will deliver a lecture "Meeting the Challenge of Childhood Leisure, 1900-1925" on Monday Oct. 24 at 6:05 p.m. in H-629 and will discuss her research in a seminar format, "The 'Big Boy' Problem: Canadians Face the Problem of Adolescence, 1900-1918," on Tuesday Oct. 25 at 4:00 p.m. in the History Department seminar room (N205-16).